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## NEDJIL GETS SUM FOR HAMMOND

First Step By Indiana Taken For Wolf Lake Harbor.

## CLARA SMITH HAMON'S OWN STORY OF HER LIFE

### STORY OF ROMANCE ABSORBING

Woman Tells Past As Warning To But-terflies.

(EDITOR'S NOTE.—On March 10, 1921, Clara Smith Hamon, will go on trial on a charge of having murdered Jake Hamon, multi-millionaire oil man and prominent figure in Oklahoma politics. Mrs. Hamon has written her story for the International News Service. It will be carried in two installments. The second installment will be carried tomorrow.)

BY CLARA SMITH HAMON

(Written Expressly for the L. N. S.) (Copyright, 1921, by the L. N. S.) ARDMORE, Okla., Feb. 22.—I have such things with fate as a woman who has lived her life as a woman, I am writing this story for the International News Service. It will be carried in two installments. The second installment will be carried tomorrow.

"If there is one thing I can say with pride, it is that I have never been a parasite woman. I have worked hard for every bit of happiness I have had in my life. I worked side by side with the man I loved while he made his fortune."

"In the ten years I was with him I never had luxuries. I had comforts. Yes, when we traveled we stayed at good hotels and in good places."

"He tried to win me even then—to beguile me with flattery and gifts of a world-wise man and I, a mere school girl with curls. He bought me candy and perfumes and other things that I would appeal to a girl of that age, but thank God, I was more interested in boys of my own years than in this man of forty-seven who was older than I."

"At sixteen, I had to leave school to go to work. I do not think I was a frivolous as most girls of that age. There was little time for frivolity in my home. My parents had a hard struggle to make both ends meet and from childhood I knew I would have to become a wage earner. How proud I felt when I took home my first week's wages. I had gone into a store at Layton as a bookkeeper."

"At 17 my life became linked with Jake L. Hamon's. He had persuaded in his attentions during the two years following my school days. He pressed his attentions upon me on every occasion. He told me I was beautiful. No one had ever told me that before. I did everything that would turn the head of a girl of that age."

"I was a small town girl. Remember, I had never been outside of Oklahoma. I could conceive of no adventure more wonderful than a trip to Kansas City or Fort Worth. They seemed as far away and as inaccessible as the North Pole to my simple mind."

"But despite my ignorance and inexperience, I was not an easy victim to this man old enough to be my father. He had to persist to win me, for rooted in me was the ideal held before the eyes of girls—that the goal for every woman is marriage. And that her love and virtue are to be surrendered only to the man God has destined for her to wed."

"Like most girls of seventeen, I was full of romance. I had a dream man—young and splendid—who some day would come and win me and carry me far away to love and be loved always and always."

"Both my father and mother were orphans from childhood. My mother had had a lonely existence until my father came into her life. He was her first and only sweetheart. She waited for him five years. My romance was to be as sweet as theirs, but of course, without its flaws. Without these, it was the most beautiful in all the world."

"And when my sweetheart came, he was not young and splendid like me. (Continued on page nine.)

### Did You Hear That

THE Walter Egger of Michigan City were Hammond visitors for the week-end.

E. J. THOMPSON of the Haskell & Barker Co. of Michigan City was here on business yesterday.

THE price of hair cuts has dropped from 30 to 40 cents and shave prices from 25 to 20 cents in Indianapolis.

ALL through trains from the East passing through Hammond, show evidences of the big snow storm and blizzard which swept the East yesterday.

PORTER county this week is sending out a carload of corn for the relief of the European sufferers and the shipment will be shipped.

BANK Examiner H. M. Johnson is here for the holiday from Indianapolis. The examiners of course, have nothing to do on Washington's birthday.

W. G. PAXTON has returned from Rensselaer where he visited his brother William, who is quite ill with rheumatism.

THERE will be no drop in the prices of candy, according to the statement given out by the Indiana candy manufacturers this week at Indianapolis.

E. HOWARD of the East Hammond garage, is sporting a new Liberty Sedan which he purchased this week from the East Side Garage.

Hammond's allotment of prohibition agents are on the job again after spending the week and raiding stills and also booze parlors around Terre Haute.

THE restaurant of the Hotel Moe is the latest addition to the "Unfair" list and lucky pickets now tread the sidewalk in front.

MILTON BERMEDY who is back in Hammond again has leased the Berceles hotel at stater street and Calumet avenue and will put in a gasoline and oil filling station.

LOUIS TOTH, 1012 Columbia avenue, says that a burglar entered his home by a back door and stole 400 pounds from a bank. The tracks outside the window indicated that a boy pulled the job.

TWO electric light poles at State Line and Russell streets were downed by a truck Sunday night and fell across State Line street, blocking traffic for several hours.

PROF. J. C. Keane who conducts the dancing school in the Ophemus building, says he is in the real estate business and prefers that to anything else right now.

SENATOR JAMES E. WATSON of Indiana has been quite ill in Florida where he is at present but expects to attend the special session of congress in April.

NORTHERN Indiana employing printers will refuse to sign any contract calling for a forty-four hour week, according to a decision reached at their meeting held at Warsaw this week.

THE many friends of John Spurgeon will be sorry to learn that he is still in a serious condition. His left side is entirely paralyzed and he is practically in a state of coma. The outlook is not hopeful for his recovery.

BESIDES being Washington's birthday, today is also Indian Day in Hammond. Silger Bros. Hammond agents for the Indiana motorcycles, are putting on a free dance tonight at Huch's hall and are giving away souvenirs.

WITH 75 per cent of the Rotary Club at Evansville today, 100 per cent of those still in Hammond held their luncheon at the Lyndora just as usual. Paul Moorhead came late and got only pie and coffee for his dollar.

THURSDAY evening is when the Elks of Hammond will step. The first big reunion will be held with a good program and an old fashioned home-cooked chicken dinner. Many long lost brothers are expected to be re-united with the head of a girl of that age.

GEORGE BOLZAL of Chicago who was here searching for his wayward wife, found her yesterday before Tim Tamm was on the street. She said she was sorry and George told her it was all right so they went back to Chicago together.

"TOO many mothers send their daughters to school dressed as if they were going to a party. I am sick of the rummy-pammy waddy-waddy parents who whine that their children have too much night studying to do." were criticisms made by L. N. Hines, state head of instruction, at a parent-teachers meeting in Terre Haute last night.

ARRESTS have been made in connection with Kokomo's Country Club party which was characterized by the Rev. W. T. Arnold, speaking from his pulpit as "a feast rivaling those of Belshazzar in the days of old. The preacher declared that liquor flowed like water at the banquet and that many of Kokomo's elite were sprawled on the country club grounds completely under his influence."

### DENBY FOR NAVY POST IS REPORT

Herbert Hoover's Name Mentioned In Connection With Commerce Berth.

(BULLETIN) (INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)

Counting the Denby appointment as virtually certain, the Harding Cabinet today stood as follows:

Secretary of State—Charles E. Hughes of New York

Secretary of War—John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts.

Secretary of the Treasury—Andrew W. Mellon, of Pennsylvania.

Secretary of the Navy—Edwin Denby, of Michigan.

Secretary of the Interior—A. B. Fall, of New Mexico.

Secretary of Commerce—Herbert Hoover, of California.

Attorney-General—Harry M. Daugherty, of Ohio.

Postmaster-General—Will H. Hays, of Indiana.

Secretary of Agriculture—Henry Wallace, of Iowa.

Secretary of Labor—James J. Davis, of Pennsylvania or James Duncan, of Massachusetts.

(BULLETIN) (INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Edwin Denby, of Detroit, born in Evansville, Ind., who is understood to be the probable Secretary of the Navy in President-elect Harding's Cabinet, is the son of a former United States minister to China and has served as an enlisted man in the United States Navy and United States Marine Corps.

Denby went to China in 1895 with his father, Charles Denby, and entered the Imperial war-time customs service, later returning to the United States and entering the University of Michigan and since 1896 he has practiced law in Detroit.

(BULLETIN) (BY GEORGE R. HOLMES)

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, L. N. SERVICE ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA., Feb. 22.—

President-elect Harding has virtually selected Edwin Denby, ex-congressman, from Michigan, and a prominent Detroit politician, to be Secretary of the Navy, in his cabinet. It was learned here today.

Denby's appointment, if finally consummated, will complete the Harding cabinet with the possible exception of the labor portfolio.

(BY GEORGE R. HOLMES) (STAFF CORRESPONDENT, L. N. SERVICE)

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA., Feb. 22.—President-elect Harding has practically completed his four-month deliberations on his cabinet and if necessary, he could announce today the names of the ten men who will begin to function as his chief advisers on March 4.

While only two of these men have been definitely and officially announced, Charles E. Hughes for Secretary of State, and Harry M. Daugherty for Attorney-General, it was indicated today by those close to the President-elect that the Naval and Commerce portfolios concerning which a great deal of uncertainty has existed, have both been decided upon.

Herbert Hoover, it is believed, will be the next Secretary of Commerce; for the Naval berth a man has been selected, who has hitherto figured in cabinet speculation. There is reason to believe that the new Secretary of the Navy will be a distinct "dark horse."

One familiar with the international affairs and with an intimate working knowledge of the Navy. It was said today that his appointment will come as a surprise to the public.

Thus far the identity of the "dark horse" has been carefully guarded, but it may become known today.

There is today, uncertainty regarding only one place in the Harding cabinet, and that is the labor portfolio. The President-elect. That is in the labor department. For this post, it is believed that the choice has narrowed down to

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EPISCOPALIAN MEETING

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 22.—The council of the northern Indiana diocese of the Episcopal church met in Mishawaka yesterday with the Rt. Rev. John Hazen White of this city presiding as president. Several new deacons of the church were organized.

The council included the Rev. L. C. Rogers, Mishawaka, secretary; G. T. Vail, Michigan City, treasurer; the Rev. Charles B. Young, Howe; the Rev. E. W. Averill, Ft. Wayne; the Rev. John R. Pummer, Kokomo; the Rev. W. J. Lockman, Elkhart; the Rev. C. R. Cromwell, Lozano; the Rev. P. J. Barwell, Walker; Laporte; the Rev. H. R. White, the Rev. R. J. Long, South Bend; John M. Sweeney, L. W. McNamee, Gary; C. H. True, Hammond; D. B. Gaston, Ft. Wayne; Archie Price, Marion; J. Alvin Scott, Mishawaka; H. P. Conkey, Hammond; William G. Elliott, South Bend, and Cosmo C. Ellwood, Elkhart.

CHILD KILLED IN ONE FOOT FALL

The funeral of Arthur Anderson, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson, 821 Carolina street, Gary, whose neck was broken in a fall from a little wagon Sunday afternoon, was held at the residence this afternoon. Burial occurred at Chesterton.

### GARY READY FOR DAYLIGHT SAVING PLAN

On and after March 27, for a period of seven months, residents of Gary will find it compulsory to tumble out of bed just one hour earlier if they wish to make their trains and get to work in time.

Gary is going to observe the "Day Light Savings" plan again this year according to the action of the city council at the regular meeting last night when the city dais passed an ordinance to that effect.

The daylight savings plan will become effective March 27 and last until the last Sunday in October when the city will go back on old time. Like last year, the city will resume business one hour earlier in the day and close one hour earlier in the afternoon.

The council was urged to put its stamp of approval on the daylight savings plan on account of Gary's proximity to Chicago where a similar ordinance has become a permanent law. Last year Gary drafted its ordinance from the Chicago ordinance.

Last year a number of cities in the region failed to observe the daylight saving plan and consequently it caused more or less inconvenience in this business world. It is hoped, however, that this year these cities will see fit to pass ordinances observing the daylight plan.

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For five minutes both sides kept firing volley after volley at each other and then Niemce was shot in the left hand. He continued, however, to exchange shots with the suspects and was again shot, this time through the breast.

By this time the entire neighborhood had been awakened. Men and women in bath robes and slippers gathered around the scene, while many more stood their heads out of windows in the vicinity of the spot where the shots were being exchanged.

FOUND DEAD IN BRUSH

Officer Kerr upon arrival, notified Dr. Townsley and Johns, who gave Niemce treatment and later had him

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### MAYS DEATH ON TOBACCO REPORT SAYS

Sales of chewing tobacco, smoking tobacco, cigars and cigarettes will fall off sharply in cities of the Calumet region if Harry Mays, the "Miracle Man," of New Carlisle, now located in West Hammond, keeps up the pace he has set.

His remarkable results in knocking the nicotine desire from men's systems are being heard on all sides. It is being the topic of discussion wherever men meet.

One of the men, who no longer enjoys a juicy chew, just can't understand how it was done. He had spained his back while helping move some heavy material and had gone to the dealer for tobacco and had handed it back.

"I notice that you chew tobacco," remarked Mays casually.

"Yes, I've used the stuff for a good many years," replied the patient.

"Let's see your plug," says Mays and the man handed it over.

The dealer passed his hands over the plug and tobacco and handed it back. After leaving the house the patient decided to renew his plug. As he attempted to bite off a corner of the plug he became sick. The very sight of the tobacco nauseated him. Later in the day he made another attempt but with the same discouraging results. He gave up and decided that Mays had made him and nicotine strangers.

Similar stories are told by men who had been inveterate smokers. The dealer by simply touching a cigar, pipe or cigarette has made it impossible for the former slave to the habit to indulge again.

Sunday and yesterday a steady stream of visitors called at the little house on Forsythe avenue, as persons afflicted with various ailments sought the aid of Mays and his wonderful hands.

On the day of the accident Melville's car approached the two sets of tracks which cross Parish avenue and connect the two divisions of the tank corporation's buildings. These tracks, the plaintiff says, are used jointly by the tank corporation and the two railroad companies in moving tank cars from one part of the plant to another.

It is the custom for the conductor to run ahead to see if the south tracks are clear and then proceed to the north tracks before signaling to the motorman to come across. Melville says he saw no trains on either side and gave the signal. The buildings are close to the street on both sides and because of the curve of the north tracks on the east side of the street immediately after they enter the gate, the conductor failed to see a tank car which was situated across the street as his car was crossing the track.

He had climbed aboard the rear platform and an instant later the tank car struck that portion of the street car. The platform was crushed and Melville's left leg was so badly mangled that it was necessary to amputate it at the hip. His right leg was also injured so that he will never be able to use it.

The complaint states that no warning was given before the car was pushed across the street. Melville, Dorsey & Gillett are attorneys for Mr. Melville.

WILSON TO DEVOTE LIFE TO PEACE

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In speaking of his election today, Chairman Martin was confident of democratic success if the right ticket is nominated. "Many of the evils of our political system grows out of the failure of any considerable number of good citizens taking an active interest in politics," he said. "I will consider that I have performed a distant public service if I can induce the rank and file to an active interest in the selection of a ticket that will be the best ever afforded the city by any party. I solicit the support of all good citizens to that end."

### OFFICER KILLS MAN IN GUNFIGHT

East Chicago Deputy Sheriff Is Also Wounded In Sensational Shooting.

One man was killed and another, a deputy sheriff, was perhaps fatally injured in a gun battle about 10:30 p. m. last evening, which awoke the residents of the White Oak avenue district, causing much confusion and excitement.

Around about 10:30, a call was received by the police department from J. J. Freeman of 1224 Beacon street, who informed the police that he had heard a number of shots near his home. Officer Kerr was detained on the case and when he arrived on the scene, was met by E. J. Niemce, a deputy sheriff of 5013 Mazouze avenue who informed Patrolman Kerr that he was walking down White Oak avenue when he chanced to meet three men each of which was carrying an article, which seemed to Niemce to be heavy and bulky and besides it looked very suspicious to be carrying such articles at such a late hour.

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### THREE CORPORATIONS MADE DEFENDANTS

Fifty Thousand Dollars Sought by Conductor Injured in Accident

Herbert Melville, of Hammond, the street car conductor who was seriously injured when his car was struck by a train at the General American Tank Car Corp. on Parish avenue, Indiana Harbor, October 6, has filed suit for damages in the Hammond superior court.

The tank corporation, the L. H. B. road company and the New York Central Railroad company are made joint defendants in the suit. Melville asks for \$50,000 damages on the grounds that he has been rendered unable to make a living for himself and family.

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### Extra!

(BULLETIN) (INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Bernard M. Baruch, wealthy Wall Street operator, who served as financial agent for the United States during the war, today called Representative Mason of Illinois a "damned liar" in denying charges made yesterday by Mason on the floor of the House of Representatives in Washington that Baruch had manipulated copper sales to the Government to his own profit.

(BULLETIN) (INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 22.—A number of "unlawful and unauthorized" allowances were made by Otto Klaus, auditor of state, during the period from Oct. 1, 1919, to Nov. 20, 1920, according to a report made public today by the State Board of Accounts, disclosing the result of its investigation into the affairs of the auditor's office. Amounts totaling about \$3,500 "without vouchers or dates" were paid to the auditor himself, chiefly from the insurance contingent fund. Part of the amount is charged to "postage and traveling."

(BULLETIN) (INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The United States has sent a strong note of protest to the League of Nations, insisting that this government has the right to be consulted in the matter of mandates, the State department announced today.

The note which is understood to be couched in strong terms, lays particular stress upon the right of the United States to be consulted in connection with the mandate over Mesopotamia, and the mandate over the Island of Yap.

(BULLETIN) (INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)

GREENWICH, Conn., Feb. 22.—William F. McCombs, former chairman of the Democratic committee, who managed the first presidential campaign of Woodrow Wilson, died here today of heart disease.

### CARS COLLIDE; TWO DEAD AND 5 WILL DIE

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) SHELETON, CONN., Feb. 22.—At least two passengers are believed to have been killed in a head-on collision of two cars in a highway near the town of Sheleton, Conn. The cars were traveling in opposite directions and collided head-on.

The cars took fire and burned furiously, some of the passengers being trapped in the wreckage. Others who escaped attempted unsuccessfully to extinguish the flames with snow.

Local firemen were called and managed to get the scene over the snow blocked road but they could do little except to assist in getting the injured to the Griffith hospital.

The two bodies believed to be in the wreckage were thought to be children who were pinned in and unable to escape.

A tank of gasoline is said to have been in one of the cars and this believed to have been the cause of the quick spread of the fire.

### SURPRISE NOW HAS POOLROOM ON HAND

E. E. Sproat Thinks He Could Put It on a Paying Basis Soon

Charles Sproat, who holds the office of U. S. Commissioner and who also teaches one of the largest Sunday school classes of young men in Hammond besides, being prominent in Americanization and other uplift work has taken on a new side line. He is now proprietor of a pool room.

The new job was thrust upon him yesterday when Gust Beronius filed a petition in the Hammond superior court asking that a receiver be appointed for the Central Billiard Parlor which is located in the basement under the old Central block. The petition was granted and Mr. Sproat was given the keys.

He thinks seriously of turning the place over to attorney G. E. Sproat, saying that it could soon be put on a paying basis if Sproat can persuade the members of his Sunday School class to patronize the place. He added that since the class members have been fraternizing a great deal with the boys of L. L. Bombergers class a large number might also be drawn from the Presbyterian congregation.

### Bonus Question Problem for Harding

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—President-elect Harding must struggle with the problem of a bonus for ex-service men. This was made certain today when republican leaders agreed that the question of how to raise the money for the bonus must go over to the new congress, to be a matter considered when general tax revision is taken up.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 22.—By a vote of 39 to 0, the Indiana senate yesterday afternoon passed the Nedjil resolution approving an appropriation by the state of \$25,000 to pay for a survey for the proposed Wolf Lake harbor at Hammond.

Favorable action was expected in the lower house on the Nedjil joint resolution by the senate, which provides for the appointment of two persons to meet with a similar committee from Illinois to make plans for the construction of an inner harbor near Wolf Lake at Hammond, state of Indiana and Chicago. The resolution carries an appropriation of \$25,000 to pay the expenses of the commission.

The specific and deficiency appropriation bill, carrying an aggregate total of more than \$2,000,000 probably will be acted upon tomorrow by the senate as a committee of the whole. The bills were reported yesterday by the senate finance committee with minor amendments.

WRIGHT DEFENDS POLICY

L. H. Wright, director of the state highways commission, who was charged last week by the state board of accounts with being responsible for inefficiency and mismanagement in the administration of the affairs of the roads body, defended himself and the commission at a public hearing last night. The meeting at which Wright appeared was arranged by the farmer members of the house of representatives.

The director declared that the Indiana highways commission had been operated more economically than similar bodies in other states, and that "the entire reputation of the state board of accounts is misleading."

The house of representatives today was awaiting the report of the roads committee on the bill fixing a tax levy for the support of the highway commission.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 22.—The Gladley referendum bill providing that questions of bond issues should be submitted to a vote of the people in the political or municipal units affected, was passed today by the senate when a motion by Senator Nedjil to strike out the enacting clause was defeated by a vote of 22 to 21.

The measure was made a special order of business for 11 o'clock this morning and when it was called upon in amendment by the senate by Senator Nedjil to exempt school corporations from the restrictions proposed by Senator Gladley.

Senator Kline declared that the people should have the privilege of determining how their money was to be spent, and that the bill should be passed without the Nedjil amendment.

Senator Decker said that the schools in Wells county were in poor condition and that improvement would be impossible if the bill passed without the proposed change. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 19 to 12, after which Nedjil's motion to strike out the enacting clause was presented.

Senator Boardley maintained that such a law was desired by the farmers of the state and that it would "prevent the bonding of counties to the detriment of the people."

"The tax payers," he said, "should have some chance to defend themselves."

After Senator Nedjil's first motion was defeated, he moved to include the senate as one of the units in which a referendum vote would be required, but this motion met a similar fate.

It is said that the bill, as